

REMARKS**Status of the Claims**

Claims 1-5 are pending in the application. Claims 1-3 are currently amended. New claims 4 and 5 are added. Reconsideration and allowance of all of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

This amendment does not add new matter to the application as filed. The amendment to the definition of the variable "R" in claim 1 is supported at page 6, lines 21-25. The recitation of an "organic strong base" in claim 1 is supported at page 7, lines 15-17 of the specification. The amendment to the definition of the variable "R'" in claim 1 is supported at page 8, lines 10-14 of the specification as filed. New claim 4 is supported at page 6, lines 25-27 of the specification. New claim 5 is supported at page 7, lines 1-5 of the specification. The remaining amendments are editorial and do not change the scope of the claims. Accordingly, no new matter is added and entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. 112

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for the following reasons. The claims are currently amended to address each of the rejections made in the Office Action. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in full conformance with the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 112. Applicants note that the Examiner comments at page 4 of the Office Action that the claims contain allowable subject matter and would be allowable if re-written to respond to the outstanding 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph rejection. Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. An early reconsideration and Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the present application is in condition for allowance and early notice to that effect is hereby requested.

If the Examiner has any comments or proposals for expediting prosecution, please contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number below.

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